

THE BITTER TRUTH OLIVE BITTERS

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The Bitter Truth, the lauded [German producer of cocktail bitters](#), has finally freed the olive. Previously, their olive bitters were only available in a 20mL size as part of the The Bitter Truth Bar Pack. But in April the brand acquiesced to demand and released it in a full 200mL size. Aromatic bitters are expected to pack an olfactory punch, but the degree to which these bitters recall freshly sliced olive is remarkable. Tasted straight there is a strong, sharp flavor of olive on the front of the palate, followed by a tangy, funky brine in the back.

Later, I subjected The Bitter Truth Olive Bitters to the ultimate test: a Churchill Martini. I poured 2.5 ounces of chilled [Rutte Dry Gin](#) into a Martini glass while staring at an unopened bottle of vermouth, then added three dashes of the bitters. The bitters managed to punch above this deadly juniper bomb, balancing the bone-dry gin with the brightness of its tangy, briny flavor. Best of all, their non-solid nature avoided the mess that would come with using an actual olive.



If you enjoy the flavor of a dirty martini but would rather forgo the “dirty” part, The Bitter Truth Olive Bitters are a godsend.

CE Stats:

- 39% ABV
- \$19.99 (200mL)